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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/523,839
By: Yoshiomi FUJIWARA et al.
Our Reference: 052077

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Sir:

Applicants hereby transmit the attached "Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement" in connection with the above-identified application.

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OCT 10 2008**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re the Application of: **Yoshiomi FUJIWARA et al.**Art Unit: **1795**Application Number: **10/523,839**Examiner: **John S. Maples**Filed: **February 8, 2005**Confirmation Number: **2367**For: **BATTERY POLE PLATE GRID PRODUCING METHOD, AND
BATTERY PRODUCING METHOD**Attorney Docket Number: **052077**Customer Number: **38834****RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2008.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims 9-22 and Group II, Claims 23-25.

Applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 9-22 for prosecution in this application. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims. This election is made with traverse. This application is a US national stage of PCT application. Group I and Group II satisfy the combination of categories provided in under 37 CFR § 1.475(b)(1) and satisfy unity of invention under 37 CFR §1.475(b). Thus, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement

Application No.: 10/523,839

Art Unit: 1795

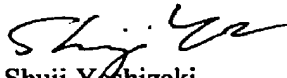
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The Applicants hereby elect a species described in Example 2 in which the ratio of protrusion of reference circumferential face of edge disk cutter against lead sheet thickness is 100%. See Table 1. It is believed that claims 9-25 read on the elected species.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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